

Forgotten Virtues

Week 3 - Loyalty

By talking through the messages from week to week will help you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These Talk Points, questions and scriptures, are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you must answer every question. Pick out the questions that will stir up the most conversation and action between your Hope Team members.



⇒ What are some examples of disloyalty you have observed in today's world?

****Using your bible or www.youversion.com, read Matthew 26:31-35 & 2 Samuel 15:19-21.****

These passages show us that true loyalty has to be tested. Peter claimed he was loyal, but ultimately betrayed Jesus,

- ⇒ Why do you think loyalty has become such a forgotten virtue in today's world?
- ⇒ True loyalty is proven, not proclaimed. How have you experienced this statement in your life?
- ⇒ How does your loyalty towards others tack up to Ittai the Gittite's example?
- ⇒ Where do you need improvement?

****Read Malachi 2:15-16, Proverbs 17:17 & Acts 2:42-46****

We are told in these verses to be loyal to our spouses, friends & Christ's church

- ⇒ Why is it important that we demonstrate loyalty in our most intimate relationships such as our spouses, children & immediate family?
- ⇒ How do you think "friending" someone with a click on FaceBook has changed our value of loyalty in friendships?
- ⇒ Who would you say you are your most loyal friends?
- ⇒ How has their loyal friendship benefitted your life?
- ⇒ How would you describe your loyalty to Christ's church?
- ⇒ What are some specific ways you can improve upon your loyalty?

****Read James 4:8-9****

This passage shows us that disloyalty is born out of a heart that is divided.

- ⇒ How divided is your heart?
- ⇒ What are some things that you have chosen over God?
- ⇒ How has God's constant loyalty to you impacted your faith & life?

Next Steps...

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you fight for God's virtue of purity:

One of the best examples of loyalty can be found in the OT with the story of Jonathan & his loyalty to David. Take some time to read about Jonathan's loyalty in 1 Samuel 19 & 20.

You can also watch a video I found that demonstrates Jonathan's loyalty in a relevant & unique way. Visit <http://www.youtube.com/switchyouth#p/search/2/IGrCzjsyDs>

Don't let loyalty become a forgotten virtue for the next generation. Take some time this week to discuss the importance of loyalty with someone younger than you. Maybe your child or a family member. Share examples from your own life & from the scriptures we have read today.

Talk it over with God:

Commit to God in prayer that you will strive to strengthen your loyalty to Him. Praise Him and tell God what He means to you.

- ⇒ Thank God in prayer for His loyalty to you and always being there for you in the good and in the bad times.
- ⇒ Confess those things to God in prayer that you have chosen over Him. Commit to placing your focus only on God.
- ⇒ Ask God to help you as you focus on being more loyal in all of your most important relationships.
- ⇒ Seek God's guidance in prayer on where He is leading you to serve His church. Commit to stepping up to serve in these areas.

Don't let the conversation stop here. Let's Talk it over online.
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